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Via Electronic Filing

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
 Chief Clerk/Administrator
 Public Service Commission of South Carolina
 101 Executive Center Drive
 Columbia, SC 29210

Re: *Opposition of North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Motion to Recuse*
Docket Number 2021-349-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association ("NCSEA"), whose petition to intervene in the above-referenced docket was granted by Chief Hearing Officer Directive No. 2021-152-H on December 13, 2021, submits this letter in response to the Motion to Recuse filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, "Duke") in the above-referenced docket on January 7, 2022.

NCSEA agrees with Google, LLC ("Google") and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates II ("CIGFUR II") and the Carolina Industrial Group for Fair Utility Rates III ("CIGFUR III") (together, "CIGFUR") that Duke's Motion to Recuse is without merit and should be denied. NCSEA concurs with Google that Commissioner Thomas J. Ervin's expression of his interpretation of South Carolina law does not disqualify him from participating in instant the proceeding.

Sincerely,

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